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NEGLECTED A PLAIN DUTY.

Mr. Borden will have to apologize, in the west for the defeat of the amendment to the Railway act by which it was aimed to protect the farmers from loss by the killing of cattle on the tracks. The great objection of the opposition was that outsiders were putting in. The chairman of the railway commission, and the president of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, were consulted with regard to the amendment, and some conservative members of the commons were greatly offended. On a par with this has been the proposition of test cases, to go before the judges and for the purpose of getting their reading of certain laws. There is no harm in that, and it is a more humiliating proceeding than, before hand, to get the views of experts as to the wants of the farmers and their methods of meeting those wants. Mr. Borden may plead that he cannot control the members and cannot stop their destructive criticism. He cannot say, however, that Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Meighen would openly defy him and refuse to accept his advice. Both may have a contempt for the western farmers, who brought their grievances before the premier and minister of railways a year ago, and some one may say, How could two men defeat the government in this matter? By taking up the time of the house while they talked it out of order. It can be revived later, but Mr. Borden will realize meanwhile that the farmers of the west will hold him to account for the mischief or misconduct of his supporters. He did not try to restrain them. He could have suppressed them.

THE WORK GOES ON.
The water department has had two communications from the city engineer before it. One directed certain proceedings, in order to determine where the leak in the intake pipe was, and he other recited the information which had been supplied by Dr. Connell, the bacteriologist, and suggested certain other courses, looking to an early removal of the difficulty. One recommendation is not to be thought of, namely, that the laying of a duplicate pipe, or the extension of the present pipe be deferred until the fall. The consumption of water, which has been more or less contaminated, though not injuriously so, while subject to the chlorine treatment, has been going on for six months. It cannot be continued indefinitely. The people expect better things from a level-headed official. They have a right to know now, and by tests repeatedly made, and closely following each other, whether they can have pure water under present conditions, and even when the intake pipe has been made quite tight. They have a right to know whether all that wisdom and experience can detect have been tried in producing satisfactory results.

The fault the Whig finds is that the committee does not select some resumingly competent person and take his advice. The city engineer gives directions, and they are not wholly accepted. That relieves him of the responsibility, without putting it on anyone else.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The Telegram is subject to periodical hysteria. It hears, or dreams, that Mr. Borden's meetings in the west are to be broken up, and it threatens that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's meetings, outside of Quebec, will be similarly broken up. Is the Telegram a common, every-day alarmist? Or is it the

arrived—when filtering must be resorted to here.

The point is that the public health demands more than it is now receiving from the province. Every town and city cannot maintain an efficient health department, and yet life in the smaller as well as in the larger place is precious. The Health Department of the province should be set apart for a greater task than any it has yet undertaken. It should be made responsible for the sanitary conditions of all the more important or populous centres, and should be directed to invade the smaller places occasionally, and see that they are subject to the best hygienic treatment.

If the Health Department of Ontario were worth anything it would have long since stepped in an forced Toronto and Kingston to improve their water systems. Toronto is providing itself with a filtering basin that will cost a mint of money, but Kingston is laboring on with a defective intake pipe and, with summer at hand, the people are advised to boil their water if they want to drink it. How long is this going to last?

Hon. Mr. Graham says Brockville must have cheaper power from some source, and the sooner the better. That's sound talk. Kingston want cheap power at once also. It is the necessary accompaniment of any boom. Indeed there can be no civic boom without it.

In Saskatchewan there is only one member of the federal parliament, Mr. Lake, and not a member of the legislature, who is opposed to the trade agreement. The people of this province, Mr. Borden and Mr. Brodie hope to convert. They will have the time of their lives.

If there is any ground for a grievance against the Lloyd-George scheme it is that the fraternal societies will work it without remuneration. It puts a lot of work on the societies, and does not appear to compensate them. The doctors think they have a kick, but what about the fraternities that operate a great national business without pay?

The doctors of England are rebelling against the non-employment and sickness legislation. They do not see enough in it for them. Lloyd-George utters a word of warning. His measure is not a medical endowment scheme, and the doctors had better have a care. Will they be quiet? If not what will happen?

Now it is the Toronto News that has undertaken to bulldoze the federal government. It may be composed of strong men, and have the backing of a large majority, but it will not get its supplies if reciprocity is pressed, and will not get a redistribution bill through unless it meets the views of the opposition. There now. The oracle has spoken. Let no man disobey!

Another Almonte resident of long standing passed away, in the person of Mrs. Fraser, widow of the late Donald Fraser, barrister, of Perth. Shortly after the death of her husband, Mrs. Fraser removed to Almonte, where she has since resided. She had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

Mrs. Wilson Cochrane died at Almonte following childbirth. Deceased was aged twenty-one years, a daughter of Joseph Sadler.

Red clover in bloom and ripe strawberries have been found in Admaston township, Renfrew county.

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